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DEFEATIST OPINIONS OF DVORETSKIY AND MENTION
OF SOVIET TRADE DELEGATION MEMBERS CONNECTED WITH
"MILITARY NEIGHBOURS" IN ENGLAND (1944)

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To VICTOR, [i]

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1. According to "GORSKIY", [ii] information

[63 groups unrecoverable]

DVORETSKIY [iii] at the beginning of the war displayed cowardice and anti-Soviet feelings. He said: "The Soviet system is a mud hut on stilts [b]. It is incapable of withstanding the German onslaught; it does not possess good officer cadres or armaments. I have worked a lot for the USSR; I want nothing from it except to pick up my family there and leave for AMERICA. In the USSR we have never seen anything good, only propaganda for hard work without recompense or culture. There is nothing left for the intelligentsia in the USSR to do except remove themselves abroad." Then the Germans [D. were moving] on ASTRAKHAN', DVORETSKIY said that the USSR [2 groups unrecovered]. He spoke about the AA (ASTRAKHAN' - ARCHANGEL) line [9 groups unrecovered] ran off to the [B. British Consulate] to ask for an entry visa to ENGLAND or AMERICA. These facts are known to ALLOJ, [iv] SHAMOV, [v] BERESWILLI [vi] and BASKAKOV [vii] (connected with the Military Neighbours [viii] in ENGLAND), who were acceptance officers abroad. One should take into account the fact that Yn. [ix] and D. [x] met with a sharp rebuff from Soviet people, after which they shut up and [7 groups unrecovered]. We will report details.

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Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] The allusion is to the rickety sort of house in which witches in Russian fairy tales traditionally live.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. PITIN.

✓ [ii] GORSKIJ : Unidentified cover-name.

✓ [iii] DVORETSKIJ : Evgenij Romanovich DVORETSKIJ, engineer on the staff of the Soviet Commercial Attache in LONDON, April 1942-December 1943 (at least)

✓ [iv] ALLOJ : Akim ALLOJ, engineer-buyer in the Soviet Trade Delegation in LONDON, September 1942-May 1945.

✓ [v] SHAMOV : Semen Spiridonovich SHAMOV, engineer, Soviet Trade Delegation, on the staff of the Soviet Commercial Attache in LONDON, January 1941-January 1943 (at least). (Known to have left LONDON by 6th August 1946.)

✓ [vi] BERESHVILI: Aleksandr BERESHVILI, engineer in the Soviet Trade Delegation in LONDON, September 1942-January 1945.

✓ [vii] BASKAKOV : Boris Ivanovich BASKAKOV, engineer in the Soviet Trade Delegation in LONDON, September 1942-September 1946.

[viii] Military Neighbours : The Red Army Intelligence Organisation.

[ix] Ya : Presumably initial letter of a name given in full in an unrecovered part of the message.

[x] D. : Presumably DVORETSKIJ.

[xi] VALERIAN : Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation.

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